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(j) A Christian ward servant was suspended for persistent disobedience of orders.

(k) No information.

(l) The suggestion is indefinite and it is not possible to call for information.

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA :—"May I ask the hon. the Minister for Public Health whether he has since received the report from the Taluk Board President, Markapur?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The report was received from the President of the Markapur Taluk Board."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I wish to know what has become of the Minister for Public Health?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Sir, he has asked me to answer the question and to apologise to you and the House for being away."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I did not receive any intimation from him or from the Minister for Education. The Leader of the House, I think, will manage to have the Public Health Minister here very soon.

"The Council will, in the absence of the Public Health Minister, proceed for the present with the subsequent questions regarding Education, etc."

[For further supplemental questions please see page 489 infra.]

Registration

Location of a Sub-Registrar's office at Devarapalli, Nidadavole taluk.

* 971 Q.—[Please see page 480.]

Education

Boarding and lodging accommodation for students in the Government Training School for Mistresses, Rajahmundry.

* 972 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of pupils who attended the Government Training School for Mistresses at Rajahmundry in each of the years since the same was started;

(b) whether any hostel is attached to the above school;

(c) the number of pupils residing therein;

(d) the charge prescribed for boarding and lodging for each pupil;

(e) whether any poor pupils are given free boarding and lodging; and

(f) whether Government make any grants for the hostel?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the subsidiary tables appended to Volume II of the Annual Reports on Public Instruction.

(b) & (f) There is a hostel attached to the school. The Government are meeting all expenses connected with it, except the pay of cooks and feeding and lighting charges which are borne by the boarders.

(c), (d) & (e) The Government have no information but have called for it.

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Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education how far is this school from the hostel ?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"Notice, Sir."

Working hours, pay, etc., of Vernacular Pandits in the Lady Willingdon College.

973 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of periods per week the Sanskrit, Tamil and Telugu Pandits and the Music teacher, teach on the average in the Lady Willingdon College ;

(b) the classes they take ; and

(c) the scale of pay on which they are respectively employed, their length of service and the actual pay they are drawing now ?

A.—The scale of pay sanctioned for the three pandits is Rs. 40—2—50 each a month. The post of music teacher is included in the cadre of secondary grade teachers, women's branch, which carries a pay of Rs. 45—3—90 with a selection grade on Rs. 100 for 20 per cent of the cadre. The Government have no information on the other points but have called for it.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"May I ask the Minister for Education whether these pandits are whole-time men or part-time men ?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"They are whole-time pandits."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"If they are whole-time pandits, may I know why they are paid such a small salary as Rs. 40 a month ?"

Facilities for educational training in South Kanara district.

*974 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the percentage of trained teachers in the elementary schools in South Kanara ;

(b) the number of existing training schools in the district for the various grades and their capacity ;

(c) the number of applications received during each of the last three years for training in the said schools gradewar and the number selected out of each ;

(d) what steps, if any, the Government propose to take in the matter of providing additional facilities ; and

(e) whether Government have any proposals under consideration to give aid to private schools that train teachers ?

A.—(a) On the 31st March 1928 the percentage of trained teachers to the total number of teachers in elementary schools for boys in the South Kanara district was 47 and in elementary schools for girls 98.